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PREFACE.

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It was mainly intended to be an organ of communication between the American Seamen's Friend Society and its patrons and laborers; thus bringing the cause to the eye of the public, and furnishing counsel and encouragement to those who were variously working for the sailor's temporal and spiritual welfare.

From that early beginning thirty-eight years ago, the SAILOR'S MAGAZINE has pursued its useful way, until now it has reached a monthly issue of six thousand five hundred copies, with readers and correspondents, and devoted generous friends, all over the world.

The thirty-eighth volume of the MAGAZINE, when read as a whole, will be found to record the history of a remarkable twelve-month. Even during the very first year subsequent to the breaking down of the rebellion, that everywhere interrupted the Society's work, commerce has succeeded in re-establishing herself in nearly all her old places; and as the friends of the sailor have endeavored to follow him, now voyaging abroad in the Navy and Merchant marine, their efforts have been crowned with unusual spiritual results.

The pages of the MAGAZINE composing this volume report the conversion of large numbers of seamen, and also the acknowledged great usefulness of that work of the Society which provides the sailor with a library of religious books.—No Christian can peruse this record without gratitude to God.

May this gratitude, wherever it is prompted, express itself in a new personal consecration to the cause of Christ among seamen!

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